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\$25,000 GRANT AWARDED TO AKRON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Akron, CO – Akron Rural Fire Protection District received a \$25,000 Community Facility Grant from USDA Rural Development. A ceremonial check was presented to the entity by USDA Rural Development Acting State Director Joe Hostetler on Tuesday, January 24th. The funding will be used to purchase a rural grass brush fire truck.

The Akron Fire Protection District provides protection not only to the town of Akron, but the surrounding farm community. "Rural Development is proud to provide our firefighters with necessary equipment to protect our rural communities. This program is just one of the many administered by Rural Development which provide for a safe environment and an improved quality of life for our rural citizens," said Acting State Director Joe Hostetler.

The funding provided through the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Program funds essential services, such as child care centers, clinics, fire stations, etc., in rural communities with populations of 20,000 or less. In addition to the Rural Development funding, the entity raised over \$66,000 through energy impact and community fundraisers for this project.

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